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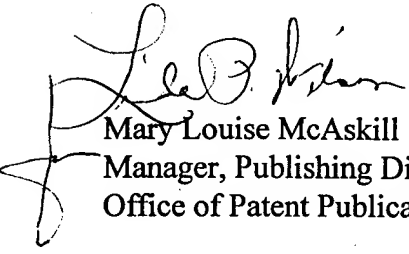
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This is in response to your petition concerning the original Letters Patent in patent No. 5,724,769. Enclosed is a duplicate copy of the document. In the event the original document is located, please return the duplicate document to the Patent and Trademark Office.

Sincerely,


Mary Louise McAskill
Manager, Publishing Division
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law on the trial of actions for causes thereafter arising as if the same had been originally issued in such corrected form.

In view of the above, and since the desired correction of the assignee's name can be effected by way of a Certificate of Correction, it is unnecessary to reprint the front page of the Letters Patent.

However, the PTO will reprint the front page of the Letters Patent if the following conditions are met:

1. Submission of a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to reprint the front page of the Letters Patent
2. Payment of a \$130 petition fee
3. Payment of a \$100 fee to place a certificate of correction in the PTO archives
4. Return of the original Letters Patent

Additionally, before a petition to reprint the front page of the Letters Patent can be effected, petitioner must first file a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 to waive the requirements to correct assignee's name on the front page of the Letters Patent. Note MPEP Section 307, Rev. 3, July 1997, lefthand column, last paragraph, which begins with "A request for a certificate of correction."

Accordingly, since petitioner has met all four conditions noted above, the front page of the Letters Patent will be reprinted to include the correct name of the assignee.

As authorized, the \$130 fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and the \$100 Certificate of Correction fee will be charged to petitioner's deposit account.

The file is being forwarded to the Certificates of Correction Branch for appropriate processing of a Certificate of Correction to place in the archives of the PTO. Afterwards, the file will be forwarded to Publishing Division for reprinting of the front page of the original Letters Patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.



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